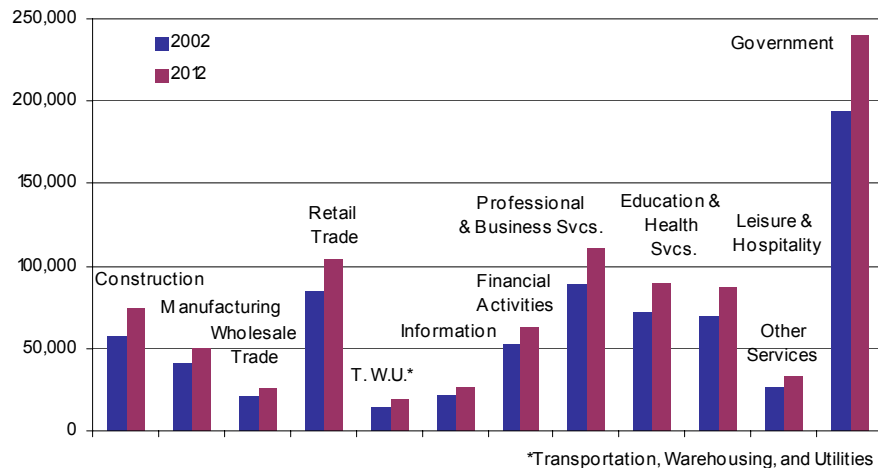


Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado Counties Projection Highlights

Industry

Total nonfarm employment is expected to reach 924,500 by 2012 for the tri-county area of Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties. With a forecasted 2.4 percent annual growth rate, job gains should outpace that of the State as a whole, which is expected to grow at about 1.8 percent annually. The Government sector is forecasted to provide the largest number of new jobs, with over 70 percent of the gain occurring in the Local Education segment. Additionally, significant growth is expected in the Professional and Business Services, Retail Trade, Education & Health Services and the Leisure and Hospitality sectors.

The graph below displays estimated 2002 and forecasted 2012 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the tri-county area.



Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities is expected to be the single fastest growing industry sector with an annual growth rate of almost 3.5 percent, followed closely by Construction which is expected to grow at about 3 percent annually.

Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Approximately 181,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 176,500 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of approximately 357,500 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings are expected to generate 194,000 jobs, which is about 54 percent of the total job openings in the area during the 2002-2012 period. At the top of the list, Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, Office Clerks, and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers are forecasted to have a minimum of 1,000 job openings annually and require short-term training. Occupations such as Teacher Assistants, Elementary School Teachers, Nurses, and General Managers are expected to have a minimum of 500 job openings annually.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 3.4 percent or more. Many of the occupations are in the Education, Construction, and Hi-Tech fields. Most of the Educational and Hi-Tech occupations require a bachelors degree or higher. The construction-related occupations require a minimum of 1-12 month on-the-job training.

